

PWI Job Training Programs

Mission:

To empower individuals and families with barriers to independence through training, education and employment

Retail Skills Training

Four week training program with partial training at Wal-Greens store

Skills acquired include but are not limited to:

- Proficiency in sales
- Merchandising
- Money handling
- Customer service
- Inventory control

Skilled Trades Training

Three week training program

Skills acquired include but are not limited to:

- Forklift operation
- Safety
- General operation and maintenance
- Electronic equipment
- Identification of tools

Financial Services Training

Four week training program

Skills acquired include but are not limited to:

- Collections
- Telephone etiquette
- Data entry
- Computer skills
- Customer service
- Money handling



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**Projects
With
Industry**

Youth, ages 16-24, transitioning
from high school to careers



“Since it is business and industry that provides jobs, shouldn’t they have a major role in job training and placement for people with disabilities?”

Cost to you?

FREE!!!



PWI is a Federal Grant through the U.S. Department of Education awarded to Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa and will be utilized throughout the next five years.



Qualifying population:

- ◆ Ages 16-24 (at time of acceptance)
- ◆ Disability, work limitation or medical condition
- ◆ Reside in Polk County
- ◆ People who have a strong desire and commitment to obtaining and sustaining employment

PWI Program will Provide:

1. Relevant, up-to-date training and labor market needs according to a **Business Advisory Council (BAC)**
2. **Benefits Counselor** to help make informed choices about earning wages and available work incentive programs through social security
3. **Vocational assessment** to help clarify skills, abilities, talents, and interests
4. **Training** designed to develop both soft and hard job skills required by current business and industry
5. **Exploration** of different fields of employment and job settings
6. **Assistance** opening doors to employment and obtaining a career
7. **Job coaching** and **follow-up** with client and employer for up-to one year to help maintain and advance client career

Process of PWI:

- 1) Complete and return an Application for Services and Health Assessment Questionnaire
- 2) In-take interview conducted
- 3) Testing of cognitive level
- 4) Orientation with counselor
- 5) Select a career path:
 - ◆ Training program:
 1. Retail
 2. Skilled Trades
 3. Financial Services
 - ◆ Employment Placement
- 6) Job Coach Support once employment is obtained

